GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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MINERAL WATER PRODUCING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies engaged in the production of mineral water in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the norms fixed by the Government for production of mineral water in the country; and

(c) the number of companies against whom action has been taken for violating the said norms during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): The number of companies engaged in production of ISI marked Packaged Natural Mineral Water in the country, state-wise, is given as under:

State	No. of licensees
Gujarat	01
Himachal Pradesh	08
Uttar Pradesh	01
Uttarakhand	02
TOTAL	12

(b): Norms for production of Packaged Natural Mineral Water are contained in the Indian Standard IS 13428:2005.These norms pertain to tolerance limits for physical,chemical and toxic substances including pesticide residues.

(c): During the last three financial years from 2005-06 to 2007-08, Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) took action for violation of norms contained in the relevant Indian Standard against 7 companies having valid Certification Mark Licence.During the current financial year 2008-09, no violation of the norms has been observed by BIS till date.